

Go Green on Black Friday



Friday, November 29, 2019

Join Park Interpretive staff for free, family friendly guided hikes across the state. For Additional Information go to www.mass.gov/dcr

Go Green at the following locations!

Borderland State Park, North Easton, MA, 1:00pm-3:30pm

Eat too much turkey, pie and stuffing? Then join us at Borderland State Park to walk off your thanksgiving dinner on this 4.5-mile hike around Lower Leach Pond and on Bob's Trail. We will keep a moderate pace with a few stops along the way. Trails will be rocky in places. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a snack. Rain, snow, or icy trails will cancel. For adults and older children. Hike is free; there is a \$5 per MA-plate vehicle and \$10 per out-of-state-plate vehicle. Meet at the Visitor Center at 259 Massapoag Avenue in North Easton. For more info or to confirm in case of inclement weather, please call Paul at 508-238-6566.

Massasoit State Park, East Taunton, MA, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Would you rather connect with nature than compete with the Black Friday shopping crowds? Then come hike the trails of Massasoit State Park on this 4 to 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike! For adults and older children who can hike up to five miles of moderately challenging trails. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a snack. Meet at the Contact Station at the main parking lot at 1361 Middleboro Avenue in East Taunton. Hike is free; no parking fees. Rain, snow, or icy trails cancel. For more info or to confirm in case of inclement weather, please call (508) 272-9376.

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge, MA, 12:00-1:00pm

Did you eat too much stuffing and pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving Day? Would you rather connect with nature than compete with the Black Friday shopping crowds? Then come join us for a hike of 2 mile hike of the Goat Hill Loop trail. This hike on a rocky forest trail ranges from easy to moderate and is appropriate for all ages. Be prepared for cold weather, dress in layers. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and consider bringing hiking poles. Hike will begin at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Wachusett Reservoir Watershed, Boylston, MA, 1:00-2:30pm

Meet at Gate 8, Rt 70 in Boylston. Parking lot across from Cross Street & Pine Ridge Farm, Boylston. Skip the shopping and connect with nature! Discover interesting views along the easy woodland trails leading to the water's edge at Wachusett Reservoir. About 2 miles round trip. Family friendly hike, all ages welcome. Dogs are not permitted on Watershed property, service dogs are welcome. Dress for the weather. Sturdy shoes and water recommended.

Mount Tom State Reservation, Holyoke, MA, 1pm-2:30pm

Feel better about that Thanksgiving indulgence. Avoid crowds at the stores. Instead, enjoy late-autumn splendor and stretch your legs with friends, family and others on a DCR interpreter-guided hike at Mount Tom. Take in scenic vistas, see natural springs and vernal pools, peer into the park's past - a former campground and old gravel and rock quarries. Hike over old roads, trails, hillsides, and through occasional mud. Pace and terrain are moderate. Distance is approximately 2.5 miles total. FREE and for all ages. Dress for chilly weather. Wear clothes in layers, sturdy shoes or hiking boots, hats and gloves. Bring water and a snack if you wish. Meet at the Mount Tom State Reservation Stone House Visitor Center, 125 Reservation Road, approximately 2 miles uphill from the park's Route 5 entrance. Inclement weather cancels hike. Call (617) 699-2387 for last-minute updates.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Would you rather connect with nature and local history than compete with the Black Friday shopping crowds? Then come join us for a leisurely walk along the Canalside Rail Trail in Turners Falls. This walk is approximately 3 miles long, on a level paved surface making for an easy stroll appropriate adults and children. Be prepared for cold weather, dress in layers. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. The walk will begin at the front entrance to the Great Falls Discovery Center. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather or icy trail conditions will cancel. Call (413) 863-3221 for more information.





Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover, MA, 10:00-12:00pm

You'll feel better about that Thanksgiving indulgence if you come join us for a hike on the beautiful trails of Harold Parker! Best for children ages 7 and up. We will be hiking for a couple of hours on moderate trails. Wear clothing for hiking; bring rain gear as appropriate. Only pouring rain cancels. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Harold Parker State Forest. Meet in the parking lot at headquarters, 305 Middleton Rd., North Andover, MA Parking is free. Call 617-828-1728 for more information.

Revere Beach Reservation, Revere, MA, 10:00am-12:00 p.m.

We will travel a distance of about 3 miles round trip. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Meet outside at One Eliot Circle, Revere MA (The tan DCR building at the corner of Dolphin Avenue). Free Parking available along Revere Beach Boulevard. Accessible by Public transportation: MBTA Blue line Revere Beach Station, turn right on Revere Beach Boulevard and walk to One Eliot Circle, Revere, MA. Visit www.MBTA.com for bus and train information (schedule, route and fees).

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